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MEMORANDUM FOR: / The President

Secretary of State Secretary of Defense

Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT:

Contra Aid

- 1. Even after last Thursday's vote, the Sandinista forces sent 1,500 troops 15 kilometers inside Honduras, the deepest incursion yet, to attack and destroy the FDN main training base in Honduras.
- 2. This further establishes the Sandinista intent to destroy the resistance as quickly as possible.
- 3. It makes even more dangerous any conditions in the contra aid bill with which the Sandinistas can either fake compliance or actually comply without impeding their consolidation.
- 4. The conditions to only end the emergency, call a cease fire and negotiate can be created at any time without impeding consolidation or reducing the threat to neighboring countries or to our long-term security in the hemisphere.
  - 5. These conditions should be strengthened in the Senate in order to:
    - Assure the people in Nicaragua the same opportunity the people in the Philippines had for full expression in new elections, and
    - b. Protect El Salvador and other countries in the hemisphere from Sandinista export of revolution and violence.
- 6. I should think there would be no strong objection to adding these two further conditions to those presently comtemplated:
  - a. A Sandinista commitment to hold internationally supervised new elections, and
  - b. Termination of Sandinista export of revolution and violence throughout the hemisphere.

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